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Index to 1955 Recommendations of Commodity and Functional Advisory Committees
Established Under Title III of the Research and Marketing Act of 1946

To facilitate the use of the recommendations of the research and marketing advisory committees an index has been prepared for attachment to the reports of the committees. This index involves several codes designed to facilitate identification of the problems recommended for new or expanded research.

Problem Code

The first code is that assigned to each problem. The first letter in this code is a capital "P," "U," or "M" referring respectively to Production, Utilization and Marketing. The second part of the code is composed of two capital letters identifying the committee that recommended the problems. For example, "CF" stands for Citrus Fruit Research and Marketing Advisory Committee. ^{1/}

The letters "MO" are used for all problems that have been recommended by more than one advisory committee. A problem is given an "MG" designation if it has been recommended by two or more committees at any time since 1951. Some "MO" problems are recommended by only one committee in 1955, but have been recommended by at least one other committee previous to 1955.

1/ Code letters for advisory committees:

- CF Citrus Fruit Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- CS Cold Storage Research Advisory Committee
- CC Cotton and Cottonseed Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- DA Dairy Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- DF Deciduous Fruit and Tree Nut Research & Marketing Advisory Committee
- DB Dry Beans and Peas Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- FH Farm & Home Equipment & Structures Research Advisory Committee
- FF Feed and Forage Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- FN Food and Nutrition Research Advisory Committee
- FD Food Distribution Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- FO Forest Research Advisory Committee
- GR Grain Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- LI Livestock Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- OP Oilseeds and Peanut Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- PO Potato Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- PT Poultry Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- PE Production Economics Research Advisory Committee
- RI Rice Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- SD Seed Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- SW Soils, Water and Fertilizer Research Advisory Committee
- SU Sugar Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- TO Tobacco Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- TR Transportation Research Advisory Committee
- VC Vegetable Research and Marketing Advisory Committee
- WO Wool Research and Marketing Advisory Committee

Priority Level

"Priority Level" is a three-year code of the importance given to a problem by advisory committees and the Department's response to the recommendation.

The capital letters A, B, C, D, and E, represent roughly the top, second, third, fourth and fifth 20% of the problems in the priority rating. The word "roughly" is used as the number of A, B, and C ratings are limited in the case of committees that gave priorities to more than ten problems. A capital "N" is used for "not recommended."

The small letters in the code indicate the Department's response to the recommendation.

"i" equals an increase in the appropriation or in the budget.

"w" equals work to be undertaken with "available funds." These may have been (1) funds available by shifting base funds, (2) funds available because of increases in the budget.

"p" equals a portion of the work to be undertaken with available funds.

"x" equals no implementation of the recommendation.

For example the priority level code "Ai, Cp, B" means:

"A" the committee placed the problem in the top 20% of its priorities at its 1953 meeting;
"i" there was an increase in the appropriation for F.Y. 1955 to do research on the problem;
"C" the committee placed the problem in the third 20% of its priorities at its 1954 meeting;
"p" part of the work recommended in 1954 could be done with available funds, i.e., the increase in the appropriation for F.Y. 1955;
"B" the committee recommended further expansion of the work at its 1955 meeting and placed such expansion in the second 20% of its priorities.

Statement of the Problem

The short statements of the problems recommended have been developed by the Advisory Committee Secretariat, taking into consideration differences in the content and wording of recommendations for the past several years. Scientists in the research units of the Department are invited to submit memoranda suggesting improvements in the problem statements.

Index Code

Following the problem statement is a code to the more complete recommendations made by the various advisory committees in 1955. Production, utilization and marketing problems are found respectively in the production, utilization and marketing research sections of committee reports unless otherwise noted. The numbers refer to the priority rating, i.e., "7/16" means the 7th recommendation of the 16 that were given a priority rating. In cases when a single recommendation includes several problems, the letter "c" follows the first number, i.e., "7c/16".

In cases when the work recommended is only a specified portion of that included in the problem statement, the letter "s" follows the first number, i.e., "7s/16." In the case of committees that used some system other than a numerical priority rating under the three headings, Production Research, Utilization Research, and Marketing Research, the letter or Roman numeral designation used by the committee is also shown.

In the case of "MO" problems, the two capital letters used to designate the committee are used as part of the index code, i.e., "CF 3/9" is the third of 9 recommendations made by the Citrus Fruit Committee.





